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Petition

Applicant hereby Petitions for an Extension of Time of One (1) month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). A check for \$60 is attached for processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

Amendment

Applicant has canceled Claim 1 and substituted a new Claim 2. The new claim addresses additional features shown in the specification but not claimed. These features include a plurality of grease fittings, the transverse and circumferential grease fittings,

that permit the device to be lubricated by means of external ports. The competing device by Silverman must be disassembled to be lubricated, and this is a substantial task. The addition of grease fittings is non-obvious in that all competing devices fail to have any such feature.

The cable guide is machined from aluminum blanks instead of cast from steel. Because of the accuracy of machining over casting, this gives the pistons holes a tighter grip on the pistons, reducing play and reducing wear on the piston assemblies.

In general, this invention possesses few moving parts to be maintained or replaced. The system is a simplified version of the industry state of the art, with additional useful, non-obvious features.. Applicant believes that this amendment places the application in a state of allowance and respectfully requests that the application be allowed as a patent.